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## DON'T BE DISCOURAGED

By Ruth Taylor

The news is dark today, doubly dark because of the rosy-odd optimism of yesterday, when, faced with the news, we ignored the fact that the enemy was plugging straight ahead.

The news is dark—but the end is not yet. Our partners in history are still upon us, though that will go down in the schoolbooks of the future. Seen from the perspective of history, these days look darker than they did twelve times after the rout of the British at Long Island, or the dark days at Valley Forge? Will the advance of the enemy be as bad as that? Will the chances of the burning of Washington? Will the smoke clouds of the burning ships appear more of a threat to the future than the checkered campfires Lincoln made from the White House in the darkest days of the Civil War?

We must not let yesterday's news be yesterday. We must not be undiscouraged. To avoid this error we must seek an inner calm. We must remember that the end will not come until the right end comes, until God's purpose is fulfilled. We must pray for the strength that endures. We must avoid jubilations over victory over our enemies and defeats alike.

We must learn to think for ourselves and not draw our opinions exclusively from the radio, the newspaper, the newswires, the radio stations and the confidential stations of the rosy-odd optimists. We must use our own good judgment in believing what we hear. We must keep our sense of humor so that we may learn to surmount our fears with faith, to conquer rumors with reason and to bury our personal trials and tribulations in work for others.

In this way we can do our share toward keeping up the morale of the nation, the public morale of war or peace, in the task of the individual. The men and women who make up our public opinion alone affect the morale of the nation, which are the foundations of defense. It is exactly like Kipling's tale. The little river who grew disgruntled at its great task of holding the ocean back, and so pulled out. All the other rivers followed him, and the sea sank.

We must not be undiscouraged about the present. We must not be disheartened about the future, either for ourselves or our children. The land and its resources

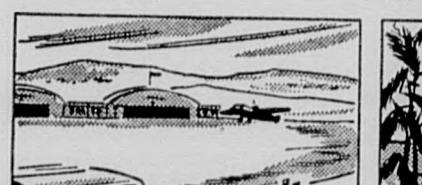
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## One War Week

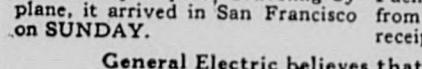
A calendar of events on one war job in one recent week gives a graphic picture of how General Electric is working to meet wartime emergencies.



1. THURSDAY: An order was received at an eastern G-E factory for equipment needed by a U.S. warplane near Australia. A special call went out.



2. THURSDAY NIGHT: As many workers as could be efficiently employed on the war effort, all day FRIDAY, assembling the equipment.



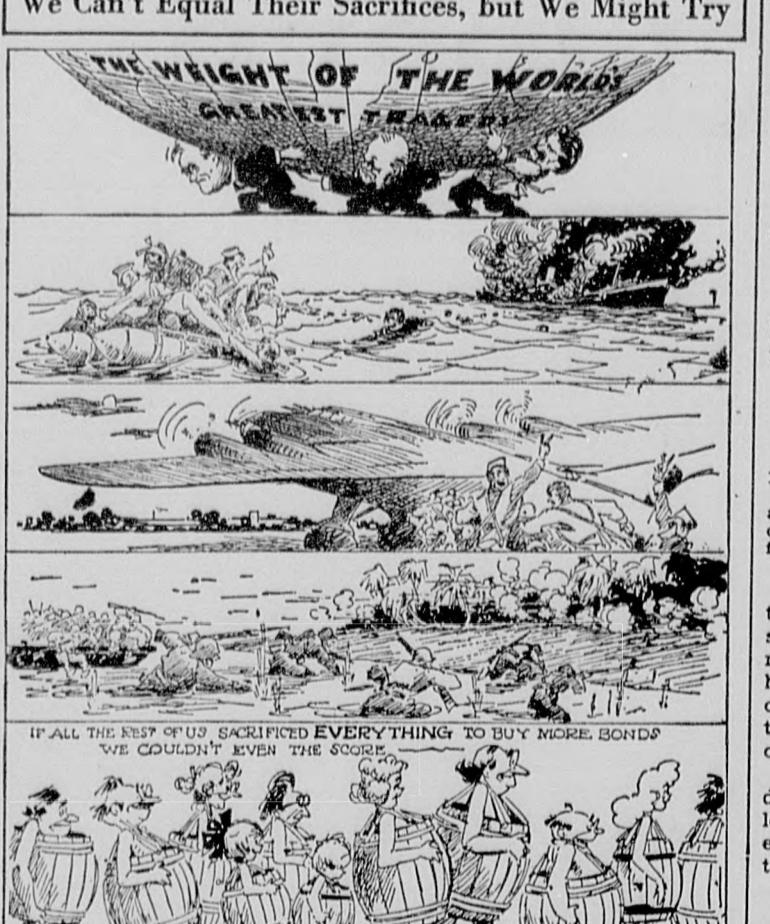
3. SATURDAY: Under police protection, the equipment was rushed to a nearby railroad. Trains by plane, it arrived in San Francisco on SUNDAY.

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## Lesson for September 27

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## JOSEPH: AN EXAMPLE OF FORGIVENESS

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 45:1-15; 47:1-27.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you—Ephesians 4:32.

Forgiveness, opening the way for the restoration of fellowship and the showing of kindness, brought the story of Joseph and his brethren to a happy ending. It is a story of God's love which began with tragedy but is brought to a conclusion of blessing.

For us, the earnest plea of Joseph, the heart of Joseph could no longer withhold itself from the full expression of affection and devotion to his family.

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